

NORWEGIAN SINGERS PREPARE FOR SECOND BIG CONCERT TONIGHT

VISITORS ARE SHOWN SIGHTS OF CITY TODAY

Vice Presidents meet to Prepare for Annual Business Session Saturday.

REHEARSAL OF GRAND CHORUS

Flaaten, Clausen and Miss Hammer Well Received by All.

Norwegian singers gathered here for the biennial Sangerfest of the Norwegian Singers' Association of America were shown the sights of Grand Forks during an automobile ride about the city this morning.

This afternoon a meeting of the vice presidents of the association was held to make plans for the regular business session of the association which is to be held Saturday morning.

The place for the next biennial meeting of the association, and the officers for the coming two years will be selected at the meeting Saturday.

Another rehearsal was held this afternoon in preparation for the special grand concert which is to take place this evening.

The work of soloists, chorus and orchestra was of the highest rank, the music being forceful, moving and inspiring.

In all the numbers the work of the chorus was of an unusually high character. Besides the singing of the grand chorus there were two selections by the Norwegian Glee club of Minneapolis and the Red River Valley Singers association, respectively, which proved to be highly popular.

The program was arranged in such a manner as to bring out the abilities of the singers to the fullest extent possible.

Miss Hammer is a soloist of great ability, and in her work Thursday night she more than sustained her high reputation. She has a pleasing personality, a voice of rich quality and excellent methods of interpretation.

Mr. Clausen has a powerful baritone voice of unusual merit. His interpretation of Biset's "Toreador Song" from the opera of Carmen was one of the most thoroughly enjoyable numbers of the program.

Flaaten Good Director. Great credit is also due to Jens H. Flaaten, conductor of the concert, who has highly artistic work which signified the entire program. Jacob Schütz, the accompanist, also did much to make the work of the soloists a success.

Following the concert Thursday night the singers repaired to the association headquarters, where a real Norwegian sexa was held. The fun continued until the early hours of the morning.

Reception Thursday. A reception for the visiting singers was held at the auditorium Thursday afternoon following the parade. Mayor J. A. Dinne welcomed the visitors to Grand Forks, and addresses were made by President Julius Jaeger of the association and other members.

The trophies won by the American chorus at the Christiania exposition were formally presented to the association and were accepted by Judge L. K. Hassell of this city, vice president at large.

Emil Borg, for three successive terms director at large of the association led the crowd in singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

The parade. All of the singers and other musicians in attendance at the big Sangerfest occurred shortly before 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The men all marched in neat uniforms and each group of delegates was designated by its distinctive banner.

In which he offered the freedom of the city to the visitors. Julius Jaeger, president of the association, responded to the welcome by thanking the mayor for his hearty speech. He started a "Dinnie for Governor" boom in expressing a wish that if the singers of this society should ever cross the Atlantic, he did 200 of them in 1914, that they might again be accompanied by the governor of North Dakota and that that governor might be the present mayor of Grand Forks.

The various trophies presented to the singers who crossed the water on the occasion referred to, were then exhibited and were accepted on behalf of the association by vice president L. K. Hassell of Grand Forks. The trophies included a large wreath presented by the city of Bergen, a diploma given by the exposition committee of Christiania, and a beautiful flag presented by the women of Christiania.

Much enthusiasm was evident during the speeches and presentations. Both Mayor Dinnie and President Jaeger were frequently interrupted by applause, and the former gave three lusty "rah rabs" in true cologne style. After the singing of "Ja Vi Elsker," the afternoon session ended.

The program for tonight's concert follows. In addition to the numbers scheduled there will be several selections by Dr. Edmund Kraus, tenor soloist.

Part I. America Grand Chorus and Orchestra. Overture—"Osian" Gade Flaaten's Orchestra, Gustav Flaaten, Director.

Ulaabrand Wendelborg (a) Minde Leif Halvorsen (b) Det volder saa Cath. Elling (c) Saa mangen Gang Cath. Elling

Held dig, mit Norge (Hail to Norway) Arnold Red River Valley Singers' Assn. P. Rud, Director

Micaela's Aria from "Carmen" Sophie Hammer Den store, hvide Flok (The Great White Grand Chorus) Otto Clausen, Soloist

Part II. Norwegian Scenes Matt 1. Prelude. 2. Peasant's Dance. 3. Scherzo. Flaaten's Orchestra, Gustav Flaaten, Director.

I vilens tid (Springtime) Korling Grand Chorus. (a) Tilsegning (Dedication) Huseby (b) Lørdagskveld (Saturday Eve) (c) Vuggeviser (Cradle Song) Otto Clausen

I Jotunheimen Ole Olsen Grand Chorus. (a) Vildt, vildt i skogen (Wild in the Woods) from "Dyveke i Bergen" Helse (b) Mot kveld (Eventide) (c) Norrøkkings (Norwegian Echo Song) Thrane Sophie Hammer

Landkjøring (Sighting of Land) Grieg Grand Chorus, Otto Clausen and Orchestra.

Sangerfest Notes. The general sentiment among the members of the association appears to favor the holding of the next biennial festival at the head of the lakes. Both Duluth and Superior are being mentioned for the honor, with the sentiment somewhat in favor of the former city.

Great credit is due to Jacob Schütz for the excellent manner in which he accompanied Miss Hammer at the first concert. The two had no opportunity to rehearse together until the afternoon of the concert, and a sudden change of plan made it necessary for Mr. Schütz to play some music with which he was unfamiliar.

The meeting of the state vice presidents of the organization which was held this afternoon is expected to facilitate to a large extent the work of the general business meeting which will be held Saturday morning.

There has been but little campaigning for offices during the Sangerfest thus far. The usual custom of the association is to elect the president from the city at which the next meeting will be held. For that reason the members are waiting to see where this will be before starting any campaign. A large number of the officers are also expected to be re-elected.

Plans for the continuance of the publication of the magazine of the association will be among the important matters to come up at the business meeting. This matter was thoroughly discussed at the session of the vice presidents, and will now be presented to the general membership.

Informal concerts are being held by the singers during the day in many of the hotels, restaurants, etc. of the city. Whenever a number of the members gather together, harmony is practically certain to be the result.

The sexes which are being held at the conclusion of the concert are proving to be among the most delightful features of the festival from the point of view of the singers. They are being largely attended and serve to carry the members back to former days.

The singers will be guests at the final concert of the series, which will be given by the orchestra, and soloists. The committee in charge of the arrangements for the festival felt

UNITED STATES TODAY FORMALLY ACCEPTS MEDIATION PROPOSAL

Dr. Edmund Kraus of Minneapolis, who is to be heard in the concert this evening, should prove an immense success with the people of Grand Forks. Dr. Kraus has a tenor voice of unusual beauty and has made a great success in the Mill City. He is one of the large number of European singers who have been compelled to come to this country as a result of the war now in progress.

One of the most attractive displays in the parade held Thursday afternoon was that of the Viking chorus of Crookston, Minn., whose section was led by a youngster, dressed as a Viking, and a young woman costumed as Columbia, attended by children representing Norway, Denmark and Sweden.

Gunnar Host, who was a member of the Bjarne chorus of this city for over 30 years, is here taking part in the great Sangerfest. He is the guest of Judge L. K. Hassell, the vice president at large of the general organization.

In spite of the fact that Moorhead, Minn., is understood to have "gone dry," the members of the Norwegian society of that place all appeared with umbrellas in the parade Thursday afternoon.

The Hutton and Northwood singers were headed by "Uncle Sam" in the parade Thursday, the figure being banked on either side by the banners of the two societies.

SIX SALOONS AND ONE RESIDENCE DESTROYED IN MONDAK, MONT. FIRE

Monday, Mont., July 7.—Six saloons and one residence were destroyed by the conflagration which swept this city yesterday morning. The local fire fighting facilities were inadequate to combat the flames and a call for help was sent to Williston, N. D.

As it is expected that Montana will vote in the election, at which the proprietors of the saloons may not return this summer, but will await the returns from the election, at which the option question will be decided.

LIGHTNING STRIKES ELEVATOR. Michigan, N. D., July 7.—During the electric storm which swept this city yesterday afternoon, the elevator of Lamb Bros. in this city was struck by a bolt of lightning and caught fire. Fortunately the flames made a great headway before the drenching rain which was falling, and the efforts of the local fire department succeeded in extinguishing them. The loss to the structure is not very great.

MANY AMERICAN REFUGEES HAVE LEFT MEXICO; WASHINGTON NOW CONFIDENT THAT WAR IS AVERTED

RED RIVER IS AGAIN RISING

Stream Now 18 Feet Above Low Water Mark at Grand Forks—Crest not reached

As the result of the heavy rains of the past week, the Red River of the North threatens to go on another rampage and at Grand Forks is now 18 feet above the low water mark.

A rapid rise has been noticeable since yesterday, and as the rush of waters bound to result from the storm of last night, has not passed this point yet, it is expected that a further rise of several feet will be experienced. Should the stream rise but a few more feet, the water will break from the banks at several points within the city limits, but can do no damage, other than to park property, trees and the grasses.

The high abutment protector of the Great Northern railway bridge, which was carried down stream by the current, crashed into the ice breaker south of the Delkars avenue bridge and is now securely held. It probably will be necessary to dynamite in order to relieve the breaker from the pressure.

At Fargo, the river is reported to be rapidly rising and is now only eight feet under the high water mark of this spring, when thousands of dollars in damages resulted from flood waters. Many families have been forced to quit their homes and seek higher ground.

The rainfall last night at Fargo was measured at 1.72 inches and resulted in a rise of the river of 1.3 feet. It is not believed that the crest has been reached and the danger of further damage is becoming more serious.

NOTE HANDED TO ARREDONDO BY LANSING

In Favor of Settling Differences by Direct Negotiations.

Washington, July 7.—A note formally expressing Carranza's proposal that the differences between the United States and Mexico be settled by direct negotiations was handed today to Mexican Ambassador-Designate Arredondo.

Lansing took the draft of the note to the cabinet meeting, delivering it promptly after adjournment.

Lansing's note to the Mexican Secretary of Foreign Relations follows: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous note, in which you refer to my notes of June 20 and 25, and to assure you of the sincere gratification of my government at the frank statement of the difficulties which unfortunately have arisen in our relations along the boundary, and the unreserved expression of the desire of your government to reach an adjustment. The same spirit of friendship and of solicitude for the continuance of cordial relations inspires my government, which equally desires an immediate solution of the matters of difference, which long have vexed both governments."

"It is especially pleasing to my government that the de facto government of Mexico is disposed to give quick and practical consideration in a spirit of candor, to the remedies which may be applied to existing conditions. Reciprocating the same desire the government of the United States is prepared immediately to exchange views as to a practical plan to remove finally and prevent a recurrence of the difficulties which have been the source of controversy."

"Accept, Mr. Secretary, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration." (Signed) Lansing. Arredondo will transmit the note to the foreign secretary without delay.

DEFENSE IN ORPET CASE RESTS TODAY

Waukegan, Ill., July 7.—The defense after a rapid and unimpaired evidence, rested today in the case of Will Orpet, the college student, charged with murdering his school girl sweetheart, Marion Lambert.

VILLA FORCES QUIT JIMINEZ

Carranza Cavalry Pursues Bandits, Reports General Trevino.

Washington, July 7.—All Americans have been taken from the Progress and Mexico ports south of Vera Cruz, including those on the sisal plantations of Yucatan.

Captain Burrage of the battleship Nebraska at Vera Cruz reported today to the navy department. The gunboats Wheeling and Dolphin took the American refugees from Puerto Mexico.

A feeling of confidence that the trouble between the United States and Mexico, will be settled without resort to arms is apparent everywhere in official circles here today.

Jiminez Evacuated. El Paso, July 7.—Villa forces have evacuated Jiminez and railway communication has been restored with Mexico City, according to a message today to General Gonzales at Juarez from General Trevino at Chihuahua City. Trevino reported that the Carranza cavalry now is in pursuit of the bandits.

No Change in Situation. San Antonio, Texas, July 7.—Funtston's advice from the border today indicated no change in the military situation. Funtston's report that a rumor had reached him of Villa's appearance south of Parral and reported estimated Villa's men at 800 to 2,000. The greater part of the national guard prepared to respond to the call for service has reached the border.

ENGLISH ARTILLERY BATTERING GERMAN POSITIONS IN SECOND PHASE OF THE TERRIFIC BATTLE

NEW YORK EPIDEMIC SHOWS NO SIGNS OF ABATEMENT TODAY

New York, July 7.—With city and state federal authorities fighting the disease, the epidemic of infantile paralysis showed little signs of abatement today. During the 24 hours ending at 10 o'clock this morning, 22 more children died. Nineteen of this number succumbed in Brooklyn. There were 87 new cases reported.

FIRST BATTALION MAY LEAVE FOR BORDER SUNDAY

Preparations for Departure Are Progressing Rapidly.

DISCHARGES TO BE GIVEN MEN TODAY

Sergeant Jas. Boone, U. S. A., Asks for Transfer to Company M.

(By Staff Correspondent.) Fort Lincoln, N. D., July 7.—Preparations for the removal of the North Dakota troops to the border are continuing in a rapid manner. Rolling stock to carry the supplies and men is being gathered at Bismarck on the Northern Pacific.

It is probable that the first battalion will leave here by Sunday, if plans do not miscarry. Sergeant James Boone, U. S. A., detailed to North Dakota as drill master, has asked for a transfer to Co. M., of Grand Forks. The members of the Grand Forks organization want Boone as first sergeant, and in all probability will be appointed to that place by Captain Wineman, if he secures his transfer.

The success of the move will mean a big boost to that company, as the sergeant is a man of wide experience as a drill-master in the regular army. Discharges for those who have been disqualified for federal service are being made out today, and will be given the men this afternoon.

Vaccination for smallpox is nearing the end. Co. M., the last to be treated, will be given the vaccine this afternoon.

MANY WOMEN DOCTORS. Peking, July 7.—Forty-two women doctors, graduating from various medical schools, will shortly be given certificates to practice in Peking. These will be the first women granted official permission to practice medicine in the Chinese capital.

STATE TROOPS CALLED. Wilmington, N. C., July 7.—State troops were held under arms here yesterday in Wilmington's street car strike. So far there have been only minor disturbances. Sheriff Cowan ordered deputy sheriffs to prevent crowds collecting on the streets.

BATTLE ON FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Larimore and Fordville are Meeting this Afternoon—Inkster to Play Winner

(Herald Special Service.) Inkster, N. D., July 7.—In the last lap of the championship contests to decide the title holders of Walsh county, the Larimore and Fordville Baseball teams are crossing bats this afternoon. The winner of this afternoon's contest will meet the Inkster team at 6:30 when the winners of the title will be officially declared. The occasion is the annual Inkster-baseball tournament.

Many rooters have arrived in the city to encourage their respective teams, but the number of visitors falls far short of being as large as had been expected, due to the heavy rains which has prevented automobile parties from making the trip.

The diamond is in excellent shape, however, and the contests promise to be the best staged in this city this season.

ENIGMATIC. "What do you think about kissing as an unsanitary proceeding?" "I think it is a practice everyone should set his face against it."

TEUTONS COMPELLED TO WITHDRAW PART OF VERDUN ARMY; RUSSIANS ARE SWEEPING AHEAD IN THE EAST

General Letchitzky's Army Advancing in Effort to Completely Overcome the Austrian Forces—Muscovites Moving Toward Bagdad Forced to Fall Back.

London, July 7.—The second phase of the great battle on the western front has now begun. The artillery was brought up to new positions and again is battering the German defenses.

The bombardment extends as far northward as La-basee and Armentieres, and, according to the latest official advice, is particularly intense. The British long range guns are shelling the German positions and roads in their rear. Until the infantry again leaves the trenches, it will be uncertain where the next attacks are to be launched.

Besides inflicting losses on the Germans in men, guns and territory, the Anglo-French offensive is reported to have compelled them to withdraw some of their forces from the Verdun front. Consequently it is expected here that the army which for nearly five months has withstood German attacks in that region, will have some relief from the continual fighting.

On the eastern front, the Russians, who now apparently have even a better supply of guns and ammunition than their adversaries, are passing from one phase to the next without intermission.

General Letchitzky's army, which conquered Bukovina and cut the railway between Delatyn and Koromezo, is advancing in an effort to completely overcome the Austrian forces on that front.

Rumania, it is said here, is awaiting some move by the entente forces at Salonika. The near east is interested in the battles throughout the Caucasus and Mesopotamia.

The Russians advancing toward Bagdad, have fallen back some 80 miles under the pressure of great forces, but elsewhere from the Black sea to the Persian frontier, the Russians are more than holding their own.

GERMANS MOVE MEN FROM EAST. London, July 7.—A wireless dispatch from Rome says that word was received there from Petrograd that in consequence of their triple defeat in the sectors of Riga, Koldi and Baranovich, the Germans have begun to move their whole front toward the west.

Petrograd recently announced successes in the regions mentioned in the Rome advices. The last report from the vicinity of Koldi, in the crucial Volhynia sector, recorded the capture by the Russians of over 7,500 prisoners, half a dozen cannon and 23 machine guns.

RUSSIANS BEGIN OFFENSIVE. London, July 7.—The Russians began a tremendous offensive on the Riga front, where their artillery is destroying German trenches, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Vienna via Copenhagen. The bombardment, the dispatch adds, lasted 24 hours and the Germans were helpless before the Russian artillery, which can now fire fifty shells, as against one in 1914.

BRITISH CAPTURE TRENCHES. London, July 7.—The capture by the British of German trenches on a front of 3,000 yards east of La Boisselle, in the Somme region, is announced officially today.

QUET ON SOMME LAST NIGHT. Paris, July 7.—Quiet prevailed last night on both sides of the Somme river, says today's war office statement.

The artillery of both sides was active on the left and right banks of the Meuse, especially on the Thieumont earthworks, and in the Fleury and Chenois sections. A small German attack on French trenches at Lepretre woods failed.

German aeroplanes yesterday dropped bombs on the open town of Luné, killing 11 persons, all of whom except one, were women or children. Two German machines were brought down near Metzere.

RUSSIA SIGNS AN AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN

To Take no Part in Combination Directed Against Either Country.

Tokio, July 7.—The Japanese foreign office today announced as the substance of a Russo-Japanese convention, signed at Petrograd July 3, the following:

First—Japan will take part in no arrangement or political combination directed against Russia, and Russia will take part in no arrangement or political combination directed against Japan.

Second—In case the territorial rights or special interests in the far east of one of the contracting parties are menaced, Japan and Russia will consult each other on measures to adopt with a view to supporting or extending assistance for safeguarding and the defense of these rights and interests.

GERMAN CITIES HAVE TROUBLE OVER SUPPLIES

Opposed to Work of Central Purchasing Bureau—Outburst at Hanover.

The Hague, via London, July 7.—Information reaches The Hague that for several weeks there has been continuous friction between the authorities of various large German cities and the central purchasing bureau.

The municipalities claim the right to buy their food and household articles, without asking permission of the central bureau. There was an outburst in the Hanover city council, several members of which accuse the central bureau of boycotting the city, which was unable to procure butter, sausage and hams, notwithstanding the fact that some places in the vicinity are sufficiently supplied. They argued that it is physically impossible for one bureau to control all municipalities. Cologne, Dresden, Chemnitz and other cities already are purchasing supplies independently, having representatives in Holland for that purpose.

TONIGHT 8 o'clock -:- Auditorium 500 MALE VOICES IN SONG COME EVERYBODY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Famous Soloists From European Capitals